



Louisiana

Species Listed under the Endangered Species Act and Pending Evaluations of Other Species



Golden-winged warbler, by Mike Sweet



Gopher tortoise, by Randy Browning/USFWS



Louisiana pine snake, by USFWS



Interior least tern, by USFWS

Taxonomic Group	Remaining MDL Species	Species in Workplan	Other Petitioned Species	Listed Species
Mammals				9
Birds		2		8
Fishes	1	2		4
Amphibians				1
Plants		3	3	3
Reptiles	1	2	2	8
Mussels/ Snails		4	2	5
Crayfish			2	
Insects		4	3	
Total	2	17	12	38

Note: All numbers are subject to change based on new petitions, litigation and findings.

Legal actions brought under the Endangered Species Act have dramatically increased the workload of the Southeast Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Between our listing work plan and other petitions under the ESA, the Southeast Region is required to evaluate whether more than 350 species need federal protection, which is about 60 percent of the national workload.

Multi-District Litigation (MDL) and Other Candidates

In 2009 and 2010, two advocacy groups filed lawsuits related to the Service's missed deadlines under the Act, and the national backlog of 251 species categorized as candidates for the Federal List of Threatened and Endangered Species. Candidates are those species that warrant Federal protection, but the final decision has been delayed due to resource constraints and higher listing priorities.

The lawsuits, consolidated into Multi-District Litigation, were settled in 2011. The Service agreed to a six-year work plan to make final listing decisions on the species categorized as candidates as of 2010. The Service will complete final listings related to the Multi-District Litigation in FY2017.

National Listing Workplan for FY2017-2023

Currently, over 550 species are pending for consideration for listing under the ESA nationally. In September 2016, the Service released a national listing workplan for addressing the highest priority pending ESA listing and critical habitat decisions over a seven-year period. The workplan identifies the Service's schedule for addressing all 30 candidate species and conducting 320 status reviews for species that have been petitioned for federal protections under the ESA. It also includes 11 additional species for which the Service plans to undertake discretionary status reviews, and one action impacted by court decisions. The Southeast Region is responsible for reviewing the status of nearly a third of the plants and animals included in the FY2017 - 2023 workplan.

The species not included in the current workplan will be incorporated according to the Service's prioritization methodology, which considers the urgency of threats, availability of relevant science and information, and ongoing conservation efforts by states and other stakeholders. The workplan will be updated as new information is received.

Other Petitions

The Service continues to receive petitions to list species as threatened or endangered. These petitions are addressed based on their urgency and the Service's capacity according to the prioritization methodology, with a forecast maintained of at least five years into the future.



Northern long-eared bat, by USFWS/
Ann Froschauer



Alligator snapping turtle hatchling, by
Brent Harrel/USFWS



Rabbitsfoot, by Chris Barnhart/Missouri
State University

ESA Listed Species in Louisiana

Mammals

Northern long-eared bat (T)
West Indian manatee (E)
Florida panther (E) – extirpated
Finback whale (E) ^
Humpback whale (E) ^
Right whale (E) ^
Sei whale (E) ^
Sperm whale (E) ^
Red wolf (E) – extirpated

Birds

Whooping crane (E)
Eskimo curlew (E)
Red knot (T)
Piping plover (T)
Interior least tern (E)
Bachman's warbler (E)
Ivory-billed woodpecker (E) – extirpated
Red-cockaded woodpecker (E)

Fish

Smalltooth sawfish (E) ^
Atlantic sturgeon (T)
Pallid sturgeon (E)
Shovelnose sturgeon (T)*

Amphibians

Dusky gopher frog (E)

Plants

American chaff-seed (E)
Earth fruit (T)
Louisiana quillwort (E)

Reptiles

American alligator (T)*
Gopher tortoise (T)
Kemp's ridley sea turtle (E)
Green sea turtle (T)
Hawksbill sea turtle (E)
Leatherback sea turtle (E)
Loggerhead sea turtle (T)
Ringed map turtle (T)

Mussels

Alabama heelsplitter (T)
Fat pocketbook (E)
Louisiana pearlshell (T)
Pink mucket (E)
Rabbitsfoot (T)

Insects

American burying beetle (E)

(E) Endangered

(T) Threatened

* Denotes species protected for law enforcement purposes due to similarity of appearance with other imperiled species

^ NOAA Fisheries has ESA authority for these species

Upcoming MDL Listing Actions Possibly Affecting Louisiana

In the upcoming weeks, the Service will make a decision whether or not to propose Federal protection for:

- Louisiana pine snake
- Pearl darter

Future ESA Listing Actions Possibly Affecting Louisiana

Species	Proposed Timeframe
Black rail	FY18
Pink pigtoe (mussel)	FY18
Louisiana pigtoe (mussel)	FY19
Rough stemmed aster	FY19
Shinner's sunflower	FY19
Monarch butterfly	FY19
Western fanshell (mussel)	FY20
Alligator snapping turtle	FY20
Frecklebelly madtom (fish)	FY20
Eastern beard grass skipper (butterfly)	FY21
Western chicken turtle	FY22
Saltmarsh topminnow	FY22
Big Thicket Texas emerald	FY23
Golden-winged warbler	FY23
Alabama hickorynut	FY23
Bog spicebush	FY23
Frosted elfin butterfly	FY23

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